Overview of High School Assessments

What type of test is it?	Assessment name	Assessment description
FORMATIVE: offered throughout the year so teachers have information to adjust and enhance instruction	**English/Language Arts Unit Assessment - performance-based assessments developed by DCPS**	• Computer-based assessment that measures students' progress in ELA towards meeting Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and pinpoints skills to re-teach
	Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) and Scholastic Phonics Inventory (SPI)	• Computer adaptive reading assessment measuring students' reading levels and progress to help teachers adjust instruction
	Agile Mind	• Computer-based assessment that measures students' progress in conceptual understanding of algebra and geometry
SUMMATIVE: offered only at the end of the year to track progress; required by State Superintendent	**PARCC: Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career**	• Computer-based assessment that measures students' progress toward meeting the ELA & Math Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
	NCSC: National Center and State Collaborative – Alternative assessment	• Computer-based assessment for qualifying students with severe cognitive disabilities; taken instead of PARCC
	DC Next Generation Science Test	• Computer-based assessment that measures students' progress toward the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
	DC Health Test	• To Be Determined by State Superintendent
PLACEMENT: place students in the right language courses based on need & ability	**ACCESS (Assessing Comprehension & Communication in English State-to-State) for English Language Learners**	• Computer-based test that measures English language learners' progress learning English; Placement test for ELLs required by federal regulations
	STAMP: STAndards-based Measurement of Proficiency	• Web-based and computer adaptive assessment that assesses how students read, write, listen and speak world languages
COLLEGE AND CAREER: prepare students college admissions and career readiness	**Advanced Placement (AP) Exams**	• Measures learning in AP courses. With a qualifying score, students are eligible to receive college credit
	International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams	• Measures learning in IB courses. With a qualifying score, students are eligible to receive college credit
	PSAT 8/9 (formerly ReadiStep)	• Measures skills students need to be on track for success as they transition to high school
	PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)	• Provides practice for the SAT. In grade 11, determines eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship. New format starting in Fall 2015
	SAT *New format starting Spring 2016	• Measures reading, writing and math skills. Required for most college applications

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High School assessment logistics – what you need to know

Assessment name	Grade level(s)	Testing windows	Approximate duration
ELA Unit Assessment - Performance-Based Assessment	• 9 & 10	• After units 1, 2 & 3	• 90 minutes
Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI), Scholastic Phonic Inventory (SPI)	• 9 & 10 (SPI for students who score 600 or below on SRI)	• Beginning and end of year, plus as needed	• 25-30 minutes (SRI) • 45 minutes (SPI)
Agile Mind	• Algebra I, Geometry	• Beginning and end of year • Middle-of-year at some schools	• 90 minutes
PARCC	• Students enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, English I & II	• 4/11/16-5/20/16 or 4/4/16-5/13/16 • Schools will share more info about students' specific test dates	• ~10 hours
NCSC: Qualifying students only	• 11 & C3: Qualifying students	• TBD by State Superintendent	• Varies by student
DC Next Generation Science Test	• Students enrolled in HS Biology (Alternative form available)	• 5/2/16-6/3/16; schools will share info about students' specific test dates	• TBD
DC Health Test	• TBD by State Superintendent	• TBD by State Superintendent	• TBD
ACCESS for ELLS	• 9-12 ELLs (Alternative form available)	• 4/25/16-6/3/16	• 2 hours
STAMP	• Level II students	• 4/29/16-6/10/16	• 90 minutes
Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	• 9-12 (students enrolled in AP)	• 5/2/16-5/13/16 • Make-up Testing: 5/20/16-5/22/16	• 2-4 hours per subject
International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams	• 9-12 (students enrolled in IB)	• 5/2/16-5/20/16	• 3-4 hours per subject
PSAT 8/9 (formerly ReadiStep)	• 9	• 10/14/15-10/23/15	• 2 hours
PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)	• 10-11	• 10/14/2015	• 2 hours 10 minutes
SAT *New format starting in Spring 2016	• 11-12	• Fall Date: 10/14/15 • Spring Date: 3/2/16	• 3 hours 45 minutes